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1. MAYAGUEZ AFTERMATH. . PRAVDA CONTINJEUES TO LOW-KEY THE AFFAIR, CARRYING CONTINUING ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATIONS IN THAILAND, INCLUDING A REPORT THAT THE EMBASSY WAS UNDER SIEGE AND THAI FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI'S STATEMENT THAT ALL ASPECTS OF TIES WITH THE U.S. MUST BE REEXAMINED. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES TASS ITEMS FROM TOKYO ON SIHANOUK'S CHARGE THAT THE MAYAGUEZ CARRIED MILITARY GOODS AND FROM SINGAPORE ON THE MAYAGUEZ CAPTAIN'S COMMENT ON INJURIES CAUSED BY THE U.S. OPERATIONS.

2. VIETNAM. PRAVDA CARRIES A MAJOR COMMENTARY TO MARK HO CHI MINH'S 85TH BIRTHDAY (MAY 19). THE COMMENTARY RECOUNTS HIGHLIGHTS OF HO'S LIFE, ESPECIALLY HIS VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND HIS EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS FOR SOVIET AID. LIKE THE SIMILAR IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY (MAY 17), PRAVDA'S SEES THE "VICTORY" OF THE "PATRIOTS" AS THE FULFILLMENT OF HO'S TESTAMENT.

3. CHINA-EUROPE. PRAVDA CARRIES TASS OBSERVER COMMENT ON PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING'S VISIT TO PARIS, HIGHLIGHTING TENG'S ALLEGED EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE STRONGER WESTERN EUROPEAN UNITY AGAINST DETENTE WITH MOSCOW. THE ARTICLEQUOTES, BY CONTRAST, FRENCH LEADERS SUPPORTING THE DETENTE POLICY.

4. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA HAS A BRIEF TASS REPORT ABOUT SADAT'S MEETING WITH ASAD IN DAMASCUS. ACCORDING TO TASS THEIR TALKS CENTERED ON PREPARATION FOR CALLING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THE PROBLEM OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN IT. MATLOCK

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